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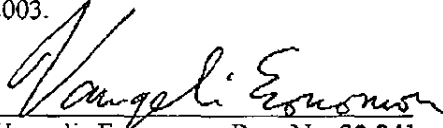
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application: